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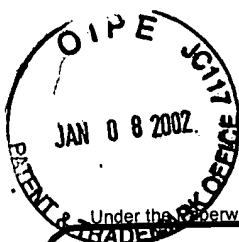
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Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

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101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent	-20** =	X	
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

Other fee (specify) Missing Parts Fee

\$130

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 840.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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